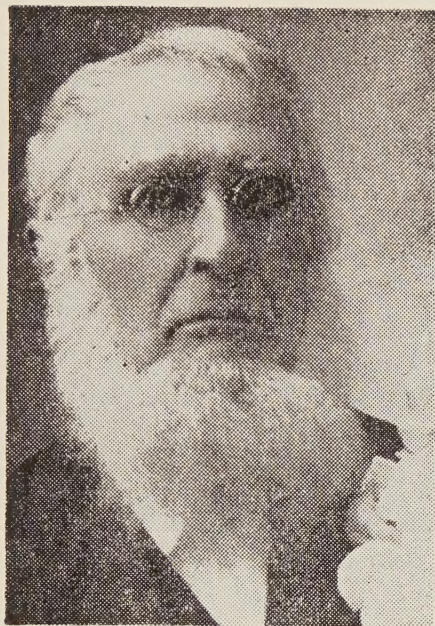




A BRIEF HISTORY OF
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JACKSON, MISSOURI
1864-1964



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CHARLES WELLING
Founder and Father of the Church



FIRST CHURCH — ERECTED IN 1870



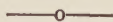
SECOND CHURCH — ERECTED IN 1905



THIRD CHURCH — ERECTED IN 1939

Centennial Program

May 15-17, 1964



FRIDAY, MAY 15

5:30 P. M. — Anniversary Supper: At the Church

7:30 P. M. — Worship with returning ministers participating

8:30 P. M. — Historical Pageant - - - Fellowship Hall

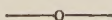
SATURDAY, MAY 16

2:00-5:00 P. M. — The Grand Reunion: A tea in
Fellowship Hall

8:00 P. M. — Greetings and Time of Reminiscences with
returning ministers - - - Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 17

10:45 A. M. — Morning Worship: A Day of Thanksgiving
Service of Holy Communion



Now to him who by the power at work within us is able
to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,
to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all
generations, for ever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 2:20-21)

Dedication

When a church, erected to the glory and praise of God, has existed for a hundred years, it is by this very fact entitled to our respect and admiration.

To the hundreds of faithful and devoted men and women, who by their prayers, gifts, service and talents have made possible this happy occasion, we express our loving appreciation and acknowledge a deep debt of gratitude.

History of First Presbyterian Church *Jackson, Missouri*

"On Sabbath the 15th day of May, 1864, the Rev. A. Munson and R. F. McPherson ruling elder, acting as a Committee appointed by the Presbytery of Potosi at its last meeting, organized a Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Missouri, when after public worship conducted by Mr. Munson, the following persons were admitted as members of said church, viz:

"Mrs. Sarah Daugherty, from Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church; Charles Welling, by letter from First Apple Creek Presbyterian Church; Miss Mary J. Welling, by letter from Cape Girardeau Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Emily Anderson, by letter from Cape Girardeau Presbyterian Church; Miss Ann Taylor, by letter from Cape Girardeau Presbyterian Church; Irvin Anderson, on profession of faith; Mrs. Hannah McGuire, from the Methodist Episcopal Church; Mrs. Mary Davis, by letter from the Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville, Ky.

"At the same time Charles Welling was elected and installed Ruling Elder of said Church. Charles Welling, Ruling Elder."

With this prosaic quotation from session records, the history of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson begins. For the first time Mr. Welling signed the minutes as clerk of the session. He served in this capacity for thirty-five years. Founder and father of the church, he was its sole elder for twenty-three years, continuing to serve until his death, June 11, 1900. He was superintendent of the Sunday School, carried on the work of a deacon and any other duties necessary to keep the small church functioning. In the growing village of Jackson, he was a member of the first public school board and elected president, on the first board of the Jackson Military Academy, and a trustee of the town when it was incorporated. Six of his daughters became loyal members of the church: Misses Mary J. (Mrs. Z. M. LaPierre), Frederica (Mrs. Samuel Williams), Ann Guild (Mrs. C. P. Medley), Juliette Gayle (Mrs. M. B. W. Granger), Elizabeth (Mrs. W. H. Miller) and Berenice.

A previous effort to organize a church in 1843 was short lived. It remained for the group assembled in the Welling home in 1864 to organize the church whose One Hundredth Anniversary is celebrated this May 15, 1964.

Worship services were held in the homes of members until 1870 when the first church was built on the northwest corner of West Adams and South Russell Streets, during the pastorate of Rev. W. W. Faris. It was a frame structure of New England style, constructed at a cost of \$3,000 and seating five hundred, proof of the faith of its early members, since communicants numbered only eleven at that time.

Members admitted the first ten years included: five more of the six Welling daughters mention above, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Flinn and their daughter Mrs. Margaret Virginia Williams, Mrs. O. W. Gauss, Mrs. Elizabeth Cannon, Mrs. Caroline J. Fulenwider, Phillip D. Kuhne, Mrs. Louise Wright, Miss Julia Wright, Mrs. Nellie E. Jones, John Beardslee, Mrs. Flora J. Bunn, Miss Lucy J. Bunn, Mrs. Maria Louisa Malone, Mrs. Elizabeth Matilda Gottberg, Frances Laura Wright, Edward A. Wright, Mr. Moses Burt and wife, Mrs. Mary F. Burt, Mrs. Amanda F. Adams, Mrs. Mary G. Beardslee, Mr. Arthur G. Mathewson, and Miss Lydia Hays. These brought the membership to thirty-six in 1874.

As pastors or stated supplies were able to give only part of their time to the church, the early growth was slow. From 1870 to 1888 the following preached in Jackson, often living elsewhere or having charge of other churches: The Rev. Mssrs. Oscar Gauss, William McCarty, J. B. Rubey, C. W. Alexander, J. A. Graves, J. W. Rosborough, S. W. Mitchell, E. G. Mathena, and John Brown.

A Ladies Aid Society was organized in 1872. Without the devoted help of these women, the present church might not exist today. Funds were raised by socials, contest, tacking carpet rags, making sun-bonnets, aprons, and quilts, both plain and crazy. At one time ninety orders were received for door-stops. The sums realized paid for hymnbooks, an organ, carpeting, repairs and painting. \$1,425 was given towards the cost of the brick church building, \$705 to deepening the basement, \$35 on other expenses.

Church committees functioned as early as 1886 when the following chairmen were appointed: Church attendance, Mrs. L. H. Davis; Sunday School attendance, Mr. C. W. Henderson; Church music, Mrs. M. B. Sherwood; Relief of the Poor, Mr. H. L. Jones.

The first elders elected in 1887 were: Henry L. Caldwell and (Prof.) Tom M. Wilson. Mr. Caldwell served until 1911 when he moved to Cape Girardeau and Prof. Wilson until 1889 when his membership was moved to Madera, California.

"Special services," the first of many held by evangelists, were conducted in 1888 by Rev. H. H. Wells, D. D. Fifteen members were added to the roll. Among additions in the next few years, eight were from Apple Creek Church as were many in the years to come.

Rev. M. B. W. Granger was pastor from 1888 to 1891. He was married in 1890 to one of Charles Welling's daughters, Miss Juliette Gayle. They were the first to occupy the earliest manse, an eight room frame house built west of the church at a cost of \$1,450. It served as home to ministers and their families until 1911, after which it was occupied by Mrs. Alice Short and continued to be the setting for Ladies Aid meetings and quilting bees.

Report to Presbytery in 1891 showed total communicants 83. Two more elders were added: Dr. R. T. Henderson and Milton W.

Gholson. Both served until their deaths in 1927 and 1929. For the first time deacons were elected, John A. Horrell and Mazuret G. LaPierre being chosen. By 1901 officers consisted of seven elders and six deacons.

At the turn of the century Church Discipline became a matter of concern with the session. In 1891 a member refusing to appear and answer to the charge of drunkenness was suspended "from the Sealing Ordinances of the Church for his contumacy." In 1892 a member was cited "for gross immorality in that he had violated the sancity of the Sabbath in playing games of cards and games of baseball, according to the common rumor." A resolution opposing intoxicating drink was presented when a member was "cited" for signing a saloon petition. Young People were reprimanded for dancing, especially those attending the "Past-Time" (Pastime) Club rooms on the Sabbath. Resolutions were read from the pulpit warning of discipline for indulgence in worldly amusements, "Come out from the world and be ye separate." "Enter not into the way of the wicked, avoid it, pass not by it." However, in 1907 the resolution against dancing was rescinded, "kindly admonition . . . heart to heart talks and prayer with the erring" supplanting sterner discipline.

Rev. Weisel Beale followed Rev. M. B. W. Granger as minister. Special services conducted by Rev. John W. Primrose, D. D. added sixteen members. Among them were: Miss Bessie Abernathy, Miss Maggie Ruff, Master Frederic Julian LaPierre, Mrs. Eliza Tucker, Mrs. Bama Fulenwider, Master Robert Burette Oliver, Mrs. Edith L. McNeely, Mr. David B. Seibert, Mr. John A. Hope, Mr. Henry Sperling and Mr. Gilbert Robb.

In 1893 Emmaus Presbyterian Church for Negroes met for organization in the Jackson Presbyterian Church. Elders elected were: Harrison Grant Elam, Alexander Eulinberg and Major Criddle. A small building was erected near the present high school, and the church continued to hold services until 1908 when dissolved by Presbytery.

Rev. E. B. Witherspoon became pastor in 1896, and that year the Synod of Missouri met in Jackson. In lieu of a young people's society, the ladies were permitted to organize a band of "little workers." The Women's Missionary Society, separated from the Ladies Aid, became a part of the "Woman's Presbyterial Missionary Union of Potosi Presbytery," better known as the "Union." Mrs. Z. M. LaPierre was elected third president of this "Union" which later became Potosi Presbyterial.

In 1898 Rev. Charles W. Latham was installed minister, the first to serve as full time pastor. Plans were made to erect a new church, and a building committee was elected, "the congregation turning the entire business over to them." Selected were: H. L. Jones, J. W. Hunter, M. G. LaPierre, C. W. Henderson and Alvin

Boss. A contract was let for a brick structure seating 400 to be erected on the site of the former church at a cost of \$5,270. Services were moved to the Court House, and prayer meeting disbanded during construction. From sessional records of October 8, 1905, "services were held in the new church for the first time today — we had a good attendance and the celebration of the Lord's supper was had — our regular quarterly Communion. Our people all felt good to be at home again." Although the church was occupied, it was not dedicated until May 12, 1907 when an amount guaranteed to liquidate all debt was assured.

In 1905 requirements for promotion from the Infant Class were drawn up. The following were to be committed from memory and recited: The Childs Catechism, the 23rd Psalm, the Creed, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and the names of the apostles and the Books of the Bible. Mrs. Daniel Klein, teacher, must have been busy as no doubt her successor Miss Jessie Harris was.

The Sunday School played an important role in the church. As Superintendent, Mr. Welling served for twenty-five years, H. L. Caldwell for seven years, M. G. LaPierre for twenty-five years, and J. R. Talley for many years thereafter. Assistants and song leaders for a long period were Daniel Klein and Alvin Boss with Oliver Morton secretary. Early teachers included besides the above: Miss Winifred Jones, for whom the Women's Class is named; Miss Bess Litzelfelner, who taught in the young people's department; and Willis Knox, teacher of the men's class.

The Knox family are descendants of John Knox, founder of Presbyterianism in Scotland. Walter Knox served as elder for fifty years, the longest term in the history of the church. His son, Carroll Knox, was deacon for the longest period of time, forty years, from 1921 until his election as elder in 1961.

During the ministry of Rev. C. P. Browning, 1906-1909, Dr. Walton conducted a series of union services, resulting in eighteen uniting with the Presbyterian Church. On June 7, 1909 Mrs. Mary J. LaPierre (Mrs. Z. M.), last charter member of the church, died.

When Rev. John N. McFarlane became minister in 1910 membership was 209. A session committee was appointed "to consider separate communion cups"; and such a service was purchased by Westminster Circle of young women in 1911, when Miss Frieda Helmkamp (Mrs. Frieda Gockel) was serving as first president of the group.

A Christian Endeavor was organized between 1906 and 1911 and continued as such until about 1940 when the Pioneer program of the Presbyterian Church U. S. was adopted.

Rev. Lynn Ross, 1911-1917, and his family were the first to occupy the second manse, a large brick home on North High Street

bought from Mr. W. H. Miller at a cost of \$2,500. Mr. Wm. J. Gammon, whose family later occupied this manse for eleven years, said of it in his history, "it makes a most ideal minister's home . . . it is as good, if not the best manse property of any Presbyterian church in Southeast Missouri."

During Mr. Ross' pastorate membership rose from 221 to 311, the largest gain in the church's history. The pastor's salary was \$1,000 with \$986 allotted to benevolences. The church united with others in "open-air outdoor Sunday evening services," and "protracted meetings" were conducted by Rev. Eugene Abbott and Mr. Cowan of Charleston. In 1912 Synod met in Jackson for the second time. A memorial service was held to celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of the birthday of Charles Welling.

The question arose as to the propriety of raising church funds by the annual Ladies Aid Chrysanthemum Show. The session resolved that, "while not willing to approve formally," it would "interpose no objection . . . this year."

A Semi-Centennial celebration held on May 17, 1914 opened with the Golden Jubilee Communion service. The afternoon program consisted of an historical sketch by T. E. McNeely, calling of the church roll, reading of letters from former ministers and members, and a brief address by R. B. Oliver of Cape Girardeau. A large crowd attended this celebration.

Rev. Frank Turner was installed in 1918 during the period of World War I. Special prayers were offered for our armies at the front and later in gratitude for "peace which has come to the world and the safety of our boys who have been engaged in the war." At least fifteen young men who were members of the church were enrolled in the armed forces. Ray Medley died in service.

In April 1919, with personal and financial help from the Jackson congregation, a Presbyterian church was organized at Delta, Missouri. Nineteen had signed the petition for a church, but by 1928 interest diminished. Upon request of the members, the church was dissolved by Presbytery. Money remaining in its treasury was turned over to the building fund of the Jackson Church.

In 1920 the Auxiliary plan of women's work was started with two circles. Mr. R. K. Wilson, area chairman of a committee to raise money for the Church Schools of the Synod, appointed "minute men" for this purpose. Dr. R. T. Henderson resigned after twenty years as clerk of the session. He was replaced by Willis Knox.

Rev. J. C. Hines was installed pastor in 1922. On the third Sunday in May church was dismissed to join with Apple Creek in celebration of its 102 anniversary. On August 9, 1925 the lot upon which the present church stands was purchased from the

Sanford estate for \$4,000. An Episcopal Church which stood upon this site had been destroyed in the tornado of 1921. Alvin Penzel was elected to succeed Alvin Boss, who resigned after twenty-six years as church treasurer.

In 1927 Rev. W. J. Gammon began a ministry of eleven years, the longest in the history of the church. It became apparent that the brick edifice built in 1905 was no longer adequate. In fact, the west wall of the church collapsed; and a portion of the pulpit alcove had to be removed. A plan was adopted whereby members bought Building and Loan stock toward financing a new structure.

In 1933 Mr. Gammon, an able historian, wrote his account of the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, from its beginning to the time of his pastorate. Much painstaking research went into this chronicle, which has proved of inestimable value in preserving the history of the church. The last year of his pastorate in Jackson Mr. Gammon was elected moderator of the Synod of Missouri.

The Women's Auxiliary joined Potosi Presbyterial and after some deliberation adopted the plan of shifting Circle membership. Mission Study classes and Circle Bible study were begun, and an average of \$518 a year was contributed to benevolences by the women's group. Auxiliary presidents to 1934 were: Mrs. J. A. Snider, Mrs. B. W. Hays, Mrs. J. D. Fisher, Mrs. D. C. Hope, Mrs. D. L. Wolters and Mrs. H. E. Boss. Mrs. Gammon was active in women's work, serving as chairman of Spiritual Life in the local group for four years, president of Potosi Presbyterial 1929-1933, and president of Missouri Synodical 1939-1942, after the family had removed to Perry, Missouri.

Rev. Stuart H. Salmon was installed pastor in 1938. He proceeded at once to encourage the congregation to build a new church on the lot previously purchased at Washington and Hope Streets. A building committee was elected consisting of: the pastor, M. G. LaPierre, A. A. Boss, C. W. Knox, F. E. Williams, J. R. Short, G. M. Cobble, Mrs. Willis Knox and Mrs. J. R. Henderson. Plans of the architect Theodore H. Steinmeyer were accepted and a contract let to the Penzel Construction Company for the erection of a building of Wisconsin Lannon stone. The corner-stone was laid September 24, 1939 on the birthday anniversary of Charles Welling. Mr. Welling's grandson, M. G. LaPierre, and Elder A. A. Boss presided at the ceremony. Mr. Charles Steck sealed the copper box of mementos placed in the corner-stone.

The Diamond Jubilee of the church was celebrated in April, 1940, the pastors of other Jackson churches assisting in the services. The congregation adopted the rotary system of electing officers and the plan for the Ministers' Annuity Fund.

By June 1940 the new building was completed. At the last service in the old brick church Mark Scully, J. R. Henderson and

H. E. Morton were ordained elders; F. E. Williams, G. M. LaPierre and Jack Howard, deacons.

When the first service was held in the new church, the old bell, which had hung in the belfries of both the frame and brick churches, summoned the congregation. In the west wall was the familiar stained glass window of the Good Shepherd, a memorial to Charles Welling, bought by the young people of the church when the brick building was erected. The original pulpit was placed in the lower auditorium of the new church. Other articles moved were: the baptismal font, a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Klein; pews for the balcony; and the almost-new Hammond organ.

Music was always an important part of worship in the church, and talent was freely offered to "sing of the ways of the Lord." For thirty-five years Mrs. Lulu Helmkampff had directed the choir with Mrs. A. A. Boss and Miss Winifred Jones playing the old pump organ. Mrs. G. M. LaPierre played first a piano and then the electric organ for thirty-five years. Mrs. Stuart Salmon directed the choir, often delighted the congregation with her violin solos, and organized a youth choir. Robes were purchased and special programs offered. Following Mrs. Salmon, Mrs. L. L. Luetje directed the choir until 1963 for a period of twenty years. These, with a host of dedicated and talented singers, have furnished church music through the years, some to the third and fourth generation.

The new church was dedicated June 23, 1940. Rev. W. J. Gammon, during whose pastorate plans for a new building were started, was present and delivered the sermon.

World War II was threatening in 1941; and Mr. Salmon, a reserve chaplain in the U. S. Army, was called to active service. As temporary supply, Rev. D. C. Boyd was secured. By the following year, the country was actively engaged in the war. Again the young men of the church entered the armed services. The Easter bulletin April 1, 1945 listed on "Our Service Honor Roll" thirty-one men, including Captain S. H. Salmon and three women. This statement followed the names, "Flight Officer O. C. Litzelfelner, a member of our Honor Roll, recently gave his life for his country in action over Germany." The time of Mr. Salmon's release seemed so uncertain that he felt impelled to resign in the best interest of the church. His resignation submitted April 12, 1942 was reluctantly accepted.

Mr. Boyd was called as active pastor of the church, serving for one year thereafter. The manse was sold and no other purchased until 1947 when the brick residence at 909 West Main St. was bought for \$12,000. The stone bulletin board was built on the church lawn, a gift from Mrs. F. R. Magill (Anne Russell) in memory of her husband who had been a minister in St. Louis. After twenty years as clerk of the session, Willis Knox resigned

to be replaced by Ryland Short.

Rev. B. C. Boney was installed as minister February 6, 1944. In spite of the war, there was a renewal of fellowship and enthusiasm in the church. A permanent organization of the "Men of the Church" was effected. New hymnals for the Sunday School were purchased, a city-wide church census taken, and a strip of land bought from the Query estate to the North of the church property. Dr. Boney resigned August 31, 1946 to become Business Manager of Arkansas College in Batesville.

The following year Rev. T. A. Jaeger, Jr. was called to the pastorate. It was at this time that the third manse was purchased. Improvements made in the church building included: an automatic furnace, tile floor, and work on the kitchen. A motion picture projector was added to the equipment. The church became a part of "The Program of Progress" movement. More important by far, the Jackson Church for the first time in its history had a candidate for the ministry. Richard W. Teaford, being taken under the care of Presbytery, entered Southwestern University to begin his training. Miss Betty Bon Grossman also entered full-time Christian service. Dr. T. E. Wilson succeeded Ryland Short as clerk of the session, and Mrs. H. E. Morton was elected President of Potosi Presbyterial. Mr. Jaeger resigned January 1, 1954 to become Religious Director for the Synod of Missouri.

Following Mr. Jaeger, Rev. John Cowan became pastor in 1954. Many new Church programs were inaugurated: a mid-week recreational program for young people; a Sunday evening club for young adults; a Visitation Evangelism campaign; partial support of a missionary; a school of Home Missions directed by Miss Mattie Hart; annual schools of Christian Living and for church officers; a church paper "Good News"; a church library; the pre-budget canvass; Every-Family plan for "Presbyterian Survey"; \$3,600 pledged to Louisville Seminary campaign. Rev. Earl Sturgess and Dr. H. Louis Patrick conducted preaching missions, and the living Nativity scene became a part of the Christmas season. An outdoor Audio-Voice system was installed and new choir robes bought. Mrs. J. R. Henderson became president of the Women of the Church, Presbytery of Potosi. Mr. Cowan was honored by the Synod of Missouri when chosen Moderator in 1956, the second person in the church to hold this position.

In 1957 Mr. Cowan arranged an exchange of pulpits with Rev. James M. Thomson of Loudoun East Church, New Milns, Ayrshire, Scotland. Mr. Thomson and his family occupied the manse during the months of June, July and August. In demand as a speaker at churches and civic organizations both in Jackson and elsewhere, Mr. Thomson shared his experiences and his friendship generously. Regretfully the congregation bade farewell to the Thomsons in the fall, at the same time welcoming the re-

turn of the Cowans and their three little daughters to Jackson. Two years later in 1959 Mr. Cowan resigned to accept a call to the First Presbyterian Church of St. Joseph, Missouri.

Rev. James Brown served as pastor from 1959 to 1962. The Clyde Baugh property north of the church was bought for \$8,750. The amount given toward partial support of a missionary was raised to \$1,500; and after the death of John H. Wheelock, missionary to Brazil, support was transferred to Rev. and Mrs. Don Kaller and Miss Marjorie Hoffeld. Later in 1963 the Kallers visited the church. For two years Dr. Harry Goodykoontz held pre-Easter services and conducted special Bible study classes each morning. The lower auditorium was air conditioned, new hymnals purchased through the memorial fund established in 1950, and the rotary system for election of officers again adopted. Mr. Brown resigned in December 1962 to accept a pastorate in Washington, D. C.

The congregation decided to purchase a larger manse, a brick home in Indian Hills subdivision, which was bought from Roy Davault. It was ready for occupancy when the present minister, Rev. H. Thomas Foley, and his family arrived on May 15, 1963.

Mr. Foley was installed June 30, 1963. Plans were soon under way to raise funds to pay off the present indebtedness of \$19,100, to make needed improvements, to purchase a new organ for the sanctuary, and to add an educational wing on the north of the present church building. Mr. George Rose of the H. P. Demand Co. was employed to direct this Progress Campaign. The entire congregation entered into the project which proved a success in fellowship and in raising \$52,513.30 to be paid over a three year period. Total financial receipts for 1963 were \$37,077. All groups in the church began to participate in the unified budget.

With the inauguration of the Covenant Life Curriculum in the Sunday School a workshop for adults was held, in which the pastor was assisted by Warren C. Martinson. Mr. Martinson had been filling the pulpit here and elsewhere, and in the fall of 1963 he became a candidate for the ministry. He, his wife and two daughters left for Louisville, Kentucky, where he entered the Seminary.

Sessional Committees on Stewardship, Spiritual Care and Church Planning were added to the existing committees of Christian Education, Worship, and Evangelism in an effort to unify the work and worship of the church. During the past year members have enjoyed receiving "Our Church News" issued each week by the pastor.

The Centennial year finds the church with a membership of 356, a budget of \$22,860, plus receipts for the Progress Fund. Growth has been steady though never spectacular.

The church has been blessed in many ways: in its ministers, who from the first have been outstanding spiritual leaders; in its church fathers, men "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord"; in its members, both new and old, who have willingly and unselfishly given of themselves to carry on the work of the church. These have been the strength of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson. Remembering the past, but ever facing toward the future, may the church dedicate itself to a greater witness as it enters a second century of accomplishment.

Acknowledgments

This brief history summarizes the work of the church for the past hundred years. The history itself was written by Mrs. J. R. Henderson whose careful reading of one hundred years of Sessional Records produced this readable and accurate account of the history of the Church.

For biographical information we are indebted to Rev. W. J. Gammon who prepared an interesting history of the church during his pastorate.

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To these and members of the Historical Committee of Session we acknowledge our indebtedness and appreciation.

ELDERS ORDAINED — 1864-1964

Charles Welling	1864
Henry Caldwell	1887
Tom Wilson	1887
Dr. R. T. Henderson	1891
Milton W. Gholson	1891
John A. Horrell	1892
J. Emory Morton	1896
J. W. Hunter	1901
Daniel E. Klein	1901
Dr. C. V. Alsop	1907
Mazuret G. LaPierre	1907
T. E. McNeely	1911
Walter Knox	1911
J. R. Talley	1915
Willis Knox	1915
A. A. Boss	1926
M. O. Davis	1926
J. R. Henderson	1940
Mark Scully	1940
H. E. Morton	1940

A. G. Penzel	1941
Dr. T. E. Wilson	1943
J. R. Short	1943
M. O. Kurre	1944
H. E. Boss	1946
Joe Mathews	1957
K. A. Wallenmeyer	1957
R. G. Davis	1961
C. W. Sander	1961
C. F. LaPierre	1961
C. W. Knox	1961
Carson Wagner	1961
M. K. Prill	1961
M. G. Steck	1961
C. C. Peterson	1962
W. Harlan Short	1962
Webster Gholson	1962
T. Lynn Byrd	1964
Koy Davault	1964
W. T. Williamson	1964
Edwin Perdue	1964

DEACONS ORDAINED — 1891-1964

John A. Horrell	1891
Mazuret G. LaPierre	1891
Louis Stein	1892
Fred Symons	1892
T. E. McNeely	1896
Daniel E. Klein	1896
James W. Hunter	1896
C. W. Henderson	1901
A. J. Hale	1901
Dr. C. V. Alsop	1901
A. A. Boss	1903
Chas. A. Sawyer	1903
Oliver Morton	1907
Henry Hoos	1907
R. K. Wilson	1907
Julian G. Miller	1907
John Talley	1911
August Litzelfelner	1911
DuRee Jones	1911
W. T. Dickey	1911
Wm. Wessell, Jr.	1915
Herman Obermiller	1915
C. W. Knox	1921
A. G. Penzel	1921
M. O. Davis	1921
Ryland Short	1926
Dr. T. E. Wilson	1926
H. E. Boss	1926
Charles G. Macke	1926
Jack Howard	1940
Guild M. LaPierre	1940
F. E. Williams	1940
M. O. Kurre	1941
G. M. Cobble	1941

Webster Gholson	1941
W. Harlan Short	1941
Harry Bushman	1943
R. G. Miller	1943
Joe Mathews	1943
Joe M. Knox	1944
Harry Hoffmeister	1944
Roy O. Brown	1944
V. L. Dickerson	1946
Carson Wagner	1946
K. A. Wallenmeyer	1946
J. H. Grossman	1947
J. C. Buerkle	1948
R. G. Davis	1948
M. F. Brookes	1948
R. J. Crites	1950
Weston Henderson	1951
Paul Short	1951
C. F. LaPierre	1952
Edwin Perdue	1952
C. W. Sander	1952
Max K. Prill	1953
M. G. Steck	1953
C. C. Peterson	1956
Ross Conrad	1956
Dr. W. W. Hutton	1958
T. Lynn Byrd	1960
W. C. Martinson	1961
Roy Davault	1961
Harold Hope	1961
Marvin E. Proffer	1961
T. R. Lewis	1962
Linton Luetje	1964
E. W. Stovall, Jr.	1964

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON PASTORS WHO HAVE SERVED THIS CHURCH

Rev. Ashael Munson — Born in Wilmington, Vermont in 1812. Educated in Union College, N. Y. and Andover Seminary. Organized churches in Potosi Presbytery and was organizing minister of the Jackson Church. Died in Potosi, Missouri in March, 1876.

Rev. W. W. Faris — Born in Barlow, Ohio, August 25, 1843. Attended Chicago University. Graduate of McCormick Seminary. Served Cape Girardeau and Jackson Churches in 1870 - 71. Died March 16, 1925.

Rev. Oscar W. Gauss — Thought to have been born in St. Louis, Missouri. Graduated in medicine from Washington University. Later entered the ministry. Supplied Jackson Church in 1871 - 1872. Died May 24, 1918.

Rev. William McCarty — Labored in many churches in Potosi Presbytery. Supplied Jackson Church in 1872 - 1876. *

Rev. John W. Rubey — Supplied Jackson Church in 1876-1877. *

Rev. C. W. Alexander — Supplied the Jackson Church in 1877-1879. *

Rev. J. A. Graves — Born in Albermarle County, Virginia, Sept. 28, 1846. Educated at Piedmont Institute in Virginia. Attended Washington College and Union Seminary. Served Jackson Church in 1880-1881. Died March 15, 1915. *

Rev. S. W. Mitchell — Born September 20, 1819. Supplied the Jackson Church in 1885 - 1886. Died January 4, 1902.

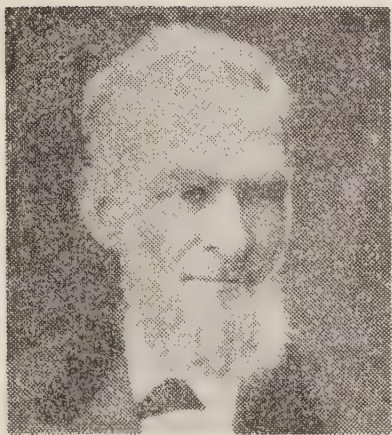
Rev. J. W. Roseborough — Born in Sardis, Mississippi February 14, 1852. Graduated from Wofford College and Princeton Seminary. Supplied Jackson Church in 1887 - 1888. Died June 20, 1941.

Rev. E. G. Methena — Records show that he served as supply to Jackson Church in 1887. Died in San Francisco in 1901. *

Rev. John Brown — Born in Londonderry, Ireland and came to America in 1850. Supplied the Jackson Church in 1887-1888. Died in 1905. *

Rev. M. B. W. Granger — Born August 28, 1856 in Bladensburg, Maryland. Attended Park College and McCormick Seminary. Received M. A. and B. D. Degrees from Centre College. Served the Jackson Church from 1888 - 1891. Died in Kentucky in 1903 while doing mountain mission work.

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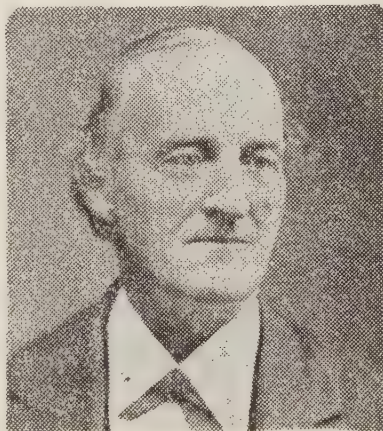
Rev. Ashael Munson
Organizing Minister — 1864



Rev. W. W. Faris
1870 - 1871



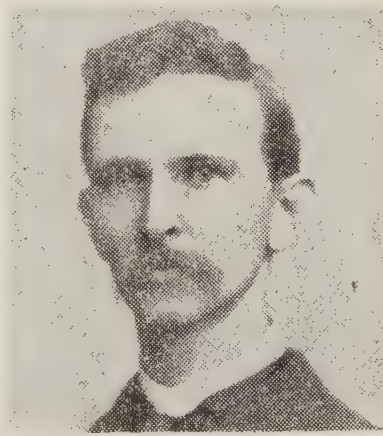
Oscar W. Gauss — 1871-1872



S. W. Mitchell — 1885-1886



J. W. Roseborough — 1887-1888



M. B. W. Granger — 1888-1891

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON PASTORS WHO HAVE SERVED THIS CHURCH

Rev. Weisel Beale — Born in Cumberland, Maryland in 1849. Educated at Hampden-Sidney College and Union Seminary, receiving A. B. and B. D. Degrees. Served Jackson Church from 1891-1895. Left Jackson to do Mission Work in Georgia. Died in Florida in 1915.

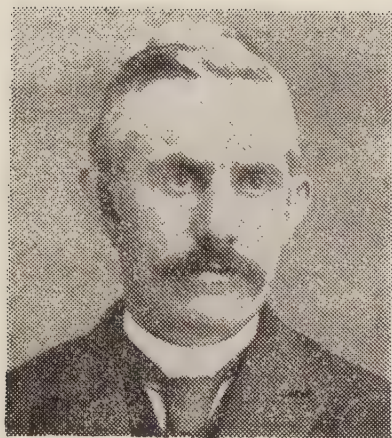
Rev. E. B. Witherspoon — Born in Columbus, Mississippi, July 20, 1857. Educated Kings College and Columbia Seminary. Pastor of Jackson Church from 1896 - 1899. Later connected with Louisville Seminary. Died July 23, 1940.

Rev. C. W. Latham — Born in Bristol, Tennessee, July 20, 1857. Educated at Kings College, A. B., and Union Seminary, B. D. Served Jackson Church from 1899 - 1906. Died in Florida in 1936.

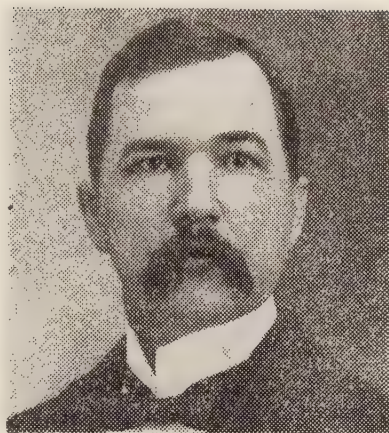
Rev. C. P. Browning — Born in Memphis, Missouri, August 6, 1869. Educated at Southwestern College and Seminary, Clarksville, Tennessee. Served as pastor of Jackson Church from 1906 - 1909. Left to become Superintendent of Home Missions of Lafayette Presbytery. Died November 11, 1930.

Rev. J. N. McFarlane — Born in Belfast, Ireland. Came to America after being educated in Belfast and Queens Colleges. Received D. D. Degree from Austin College. Served Jackson Church less than one year in 1911 and 1912. Died in 1929.

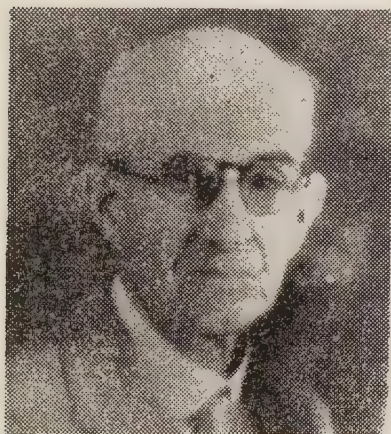
Rev. L. F. Ross — Born in Pilot Grove, Missouri, September 18, 1876. Educated at Westminster College and Union Seminary with A. B. and B. D. Degrees. Served as Pastor of Jackson Church from 1911 to 1917. Called to Trenton, Tennessee. Died in Batesville, Arkansas in 1936.



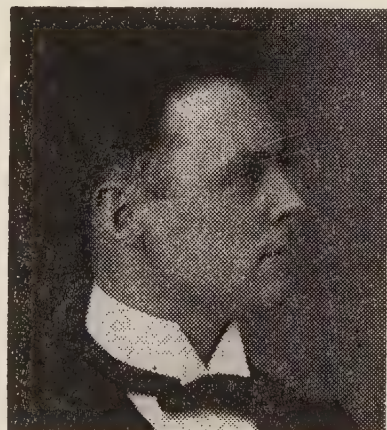
Weisel Beale — 1891 - 1895



E. B. Witherspoon — 1896 - 1899



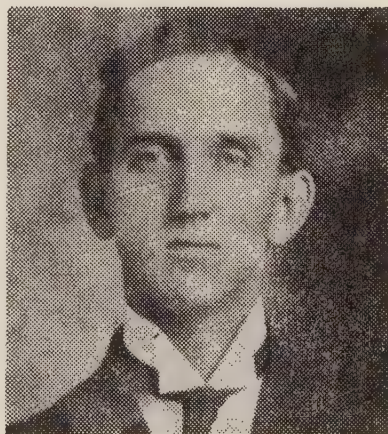
C. W. Latham — 1899 - 1906



C. P. Browning — 1906 - 1909



J. N. McFarlane — 1911 - 1912



Lynn F. Ross — 1911 - 1917

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON PASTORS WHO HAVE SERVED THIS CHURCH

Rev. J. F. Turner — Born in Nashville, Tennessee, Oct. 2, 1875. Educated at Southwestern, A. B., and Divinity School, Southwestern, B. D. Served Jackson Church from 1918 to 1922. Left for pastorate in Mena, Arkansas.

Rev. J. C. Hines — Born in Pollocksville, N. C., September 12, 1885. Educated at Davidson College A. B., and Union Seminary B. D. and Th. D. Pastor of Jackson Church from 1922 to 1927, Left for pastorate in Graham, Texas.

Rev. W. J. Gammon — Born near Lees Summit, Missouri, October 14, 1876. Educated at Westminster College, A. B.; Louisville Seminary, B. D. Served Jackson Church longer than any other pastor, from 1927 to 1938. Accepted call to Perry, Missouri. Plans for present church were started under Mr. Gammon.

Rev. S. H. Salmon — Born in Stamps, Arkansas, January 27, 1904. Educated at Arkansas College from which he received A. B. and D. D. Degrees, B. D. from Louisville Seminary. Pastor of Jackson Church from 1938 to 1941. Left church to Chaplaincy in U. S. Army. Present church was built during Mr. Salmon's pastorate.

Rev. D. C. Boyd — Pastor in 1941 - 1942. *

Rev. B. C. Boney — Born in Wallace, North Carolina, October 2, 1889. Education: A. B. Park College, B. D. Union Seminary, D. D. Arkansas College. Served Jackson Church from 1944 to 1946. Left to become Business Manager of Arkansas College.

Rev. T. A. Jaeger, Jr. — Born in St. Louis, Missouri, March 3, 1918. Educated at Centre College and Louisville Seminary with A. B. and B. D. Degrees. Pastor of Jackson Church from 1947-1954. Resigned to become Director of Christian Education for Synod of Missouri.

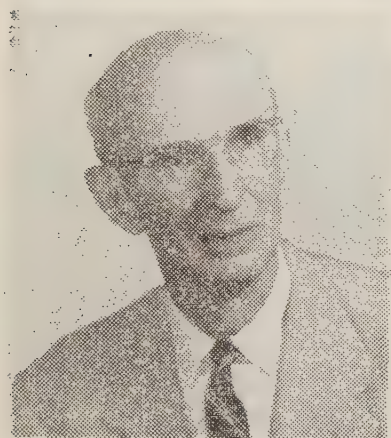
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J. F. Turner — 1918 - 1922



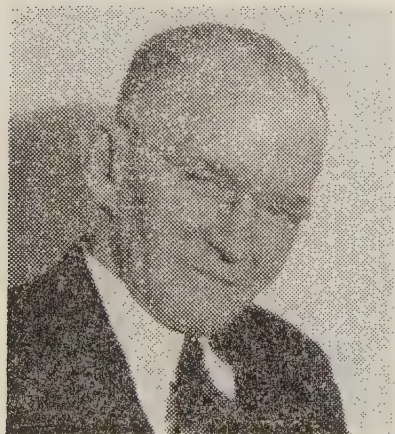
J. C. Hines — 1922 - 1927



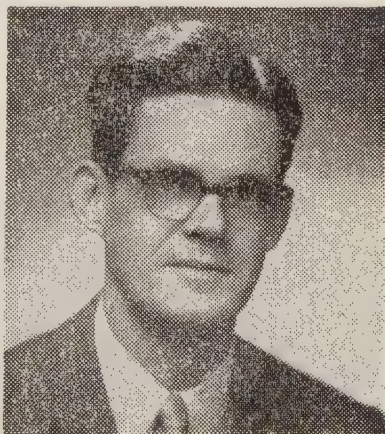
W. J. Gammon — 1927 - 1938



Stuart Salmon — 1938 - 1941



B. C. Boney — 1944 - 1946



T. A. Jaeger, Jr. — 1947 - 1954

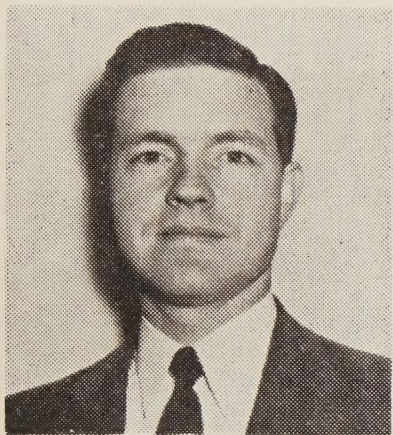
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON PASTORS WHO HAVE SERVED THIS CHURCH

Rev. John W. Cowan — Born in Nashville, Tennessee, Sept. 16, 1922. Education: B. S. in Eng. Vanderbilt University. B. D. from Union Seminary. Pastor from 1954 to 1959. called to First Presbyterian Church St. Joseph, Missouri.

Rev. James M. Thomson — From the Church of Scotland served as exchange pastor during the summer of 1957.

Rev. James H. Brown — Born in Shively, Kentucky, April 21, 1928. Educated at Centre College and Louisville Seminary with A. B. and B. D. Degrees. Served Jackson Church from 1959 to 1963. Left to become Pastor of Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C.

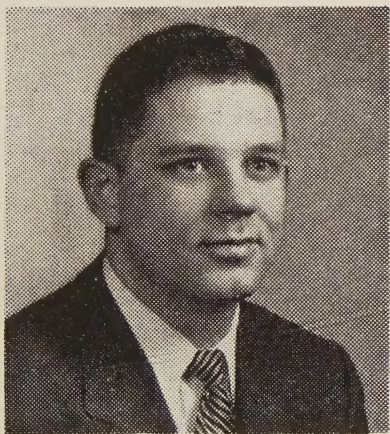
Rev. H. Thomas Foley — Born in Jacksonville, Florida, May 28, 1926. Educated at Florida State University with B. M. E. and M. M. E. Degrees; Columbia Seminary, B. D. Degree in 1957. Present Pastor from May 14, 1963.



John W. Cowan
1954 - 1959



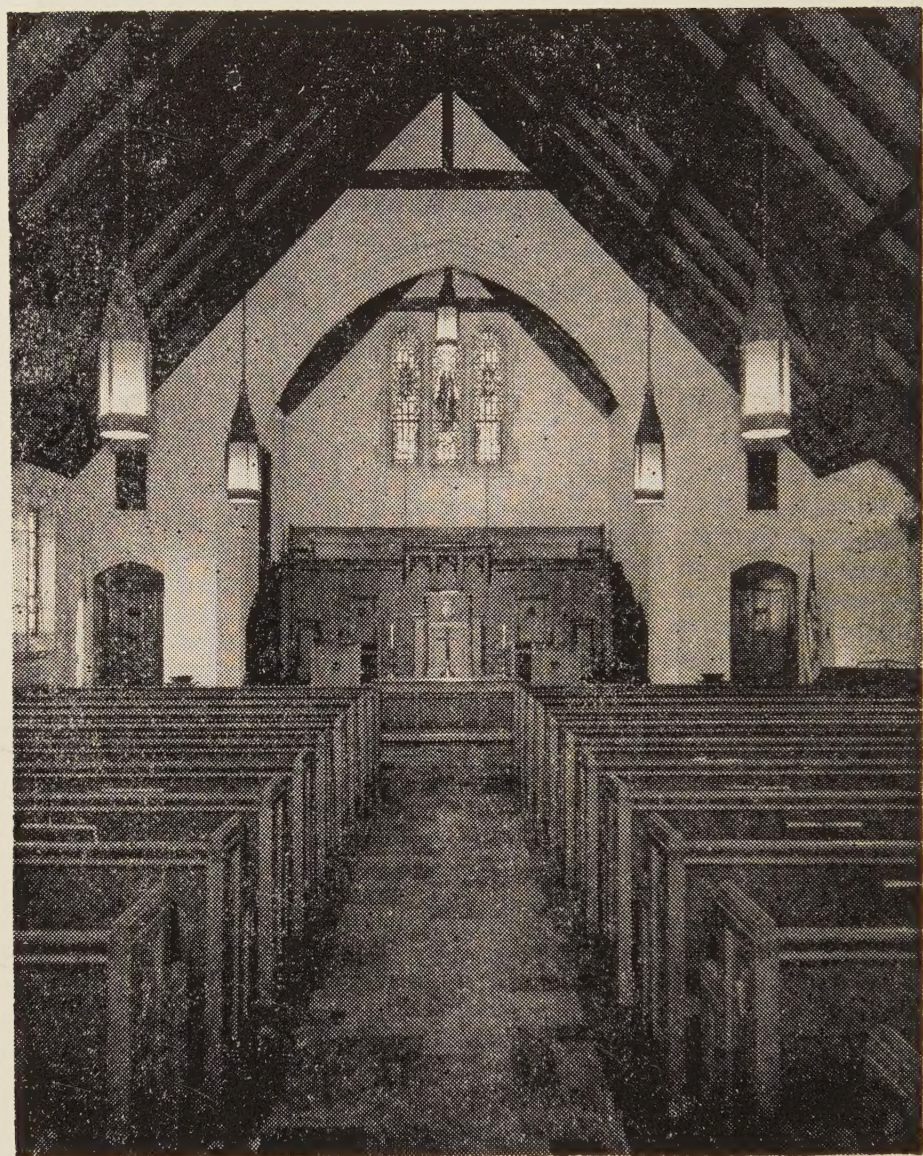
James M. Thomson
Summer of 1957



James H. Brown
1959 - 1963



H. Thomas Foley
1963 - ———



CHURCH SANCTUARY

Looking To The Future

It is evident from the history herein presented that the members of the church have given willingly of themselves to meet the pressing demands of the day. Now in this one hundredth year of our work we are called upon for the same kind of dedication that has been shown in the lives of those who have passed on to us the light of faith. Today is a day of revolution — social, economic, and governmental — it must also be a day of revolution in the church if it is to meet the demands of these changing times. Our Lord was never satisfied with conditions as they were; he called for change — changed actions and attitudes, changed lives, new men to meet new challenges. This attitude must prevail, for it is the key to the future.

The recent success of the Progress Campaign in the church has shown once again the willingness of the membership to accept responsibility for the future. Realizing that a church's strength is not maintained by its memory but by the total commitment of every member of the Body of Christ, we stand not at the close of a hundred glorious years but upon the threshold of opportunities unlimited.

The planning and work that has brought us to this point has laid a foundation for the future spiritual growth of this congregation. The future is there beckoning to us to go in and possess the land which the Lord, Our God, has promised us. We are reminded in the Psalms, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that built it." This challenges us to inquire into our motives and our commitment to the cause of Christ and reminds us, as Dr. Stuart R. Oglesby reminded Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia, at its centennial, "It is always true that if a particular church survives, it survives not on the basis of what its community can do for it, but on the basis of what it can do for its community."

The task given to His disciples was awe-inspiring, but in every age men have been raised up and given strength to perform the task at hand. The example of those who have established this Church inspires us and offers a future bright with the promises of God. Let us go in and possess the land.

— H. Thomas Foley, Pastor.

